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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. OCTOBER 6 PRESS COVERAGE OF RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS WAS THIN. IN LONG BACK-PAGE ARTICLE, NOTICIAS REPORTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE AND BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS HAD CONCLUDED THEIR VISIT TO SALISBURY AND THAT VSMITH HAD AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOTICIAS INDICATED THAT VENUE FOR CONFERENCE HAD NOT BEEN SET.

2. SAME ARTICLE QUOTED UNNAMED ZIPA SPOKESMAN AS CLAIMING: "THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE RACIST AND RHODESIAN FRONT TERRORIST WERE FORCED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF ZIPA AND NOT ANY OTHER FACT." THE ZIPA SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THE INSURGENTS WOULD CONTINUE THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL A "TRUE MAJORITY GOVERNMENT" WAS ESTABLISHED. EDITORIALIZING, ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT ZIPA WAS FIGHTING AGAINST THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM AND WAS OPPOSED TO THE U.S.-

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UK PLAN WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO REPLACE A WHITE COLONIALIST

REGIME BY A BLACK NEO-COLONIALIST ONE.

3. NOTICIAS ALSO GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO MOZAMBIQUE
FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO'S UNGA SPEECH IN WHICH HE
NOTED "THE SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY KISSINGER IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE SMITH TO
RECOGNIZE REALITIES." ACCORDING TO PRESS, CHISSANO
SAID THIS CONSTITUTED "A POSTITIVE FACTOR" IN THE
EVOLUTION OF THE ZIMBABWEAN STRUGGLE.
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